

Capsule Summary

Survey #: AA 815

Perry House
1345 Douglass Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1900

Private Residence

The Perry House is a large two storey cottage with an extensive bay porch encircling the northern and eastern views. It is a wood frame dwelling with a gabled roof and dormer. The house is located in one of the most desirable lots oriented towards the Chesapeake Bay. The house is particularly significant because of its relationship to African-American history. It is an important element in the town of Highland Beach with respect to the planning and design of this community.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Perry House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1345 Douglass Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

VICINITY OF

Annapolis 1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Leslie S

Ruth Perry

Telephone #: 484-8953

STREET & NUMBER

308 N St NW

CITY, TOWN

Washington, DC

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, 2/411 09279200

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. R157/15/0012

Liber #: 0716

Folio #: 048

STREET & NUMBER

Lot 1 D & 4 Blk 5 IMPS

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, MD

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AA-815

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1345 Douglass

This cottage is a large two storey colonial with a dormer in the gabled roof. A large 10 by 10 bay screened porch graces two views of the cottage and it rests on a pier foundation. It has a central chimney and utilizes a similar lattice work screening around the foundation space.

The Perry House is located in Highland Beach on a block which is bounded by Douglass Avenue on the north, Wayman Avenue on the east, Chesapeake Avenue (in Venice Beach) on the south and Westover Lane towards the west. It is about ten miles southeast of Annapolis, Maryland and the principal orientation of the town is towards the Chesapeake Bay. The site of the Perry House is covered with dense vegetation although it is one of the closest houses to the sandy beach.

The northern and eastern views of the house exhibit an enclosed porch whose walls are constructed of screening and thin, vertical boards. An older railing can also be observed on the interior of the screening. The principal entrance faces north although there is an impressive double doorway with doors exhibiting twelve lights on each panel facing the east (the Bay view).

The porch is supporting a shed roof which extends from the upper storey and becomes an extension of the gable on the north view. There is a dormer with a shed roof on the north view as well. The cottage has a central chimney and the windows are double hung with six lights over a single pane on the second floor.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	__ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__ RELIGION	
1400-1499	__ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__ CONSERVATION	__ LAW	__ SCIENCE	
1500-1599	__ AGRICULTURE	__ ECONOMICS	__ LITERATURE	__ SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	__ MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	__ ART	__ ENGINEERING	__ MUSIC	__ THEATER	
1800-1899	__ COMMERCE	__ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__ PHILOSOPHY	__ TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	__ COMMUNICATIONS	__ INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass to be a resort community in the late nineteenth century for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique, existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design space planning and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

The summer home of the Perry's is one of the larger cottages in the community. The exact date of construction is not known. Most residents of the beach constructed their homes over several years. All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 D & 4 Blk 5

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Collins Turner

April 1982

ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Studies

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, MD

STATE

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TITLE ABSTRACT

1345 Douglass ave

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Charles R. Douglass

To

Amelia J. Scott

To

Equity #5772 5/19/30

George E. Pullman (Trustee)

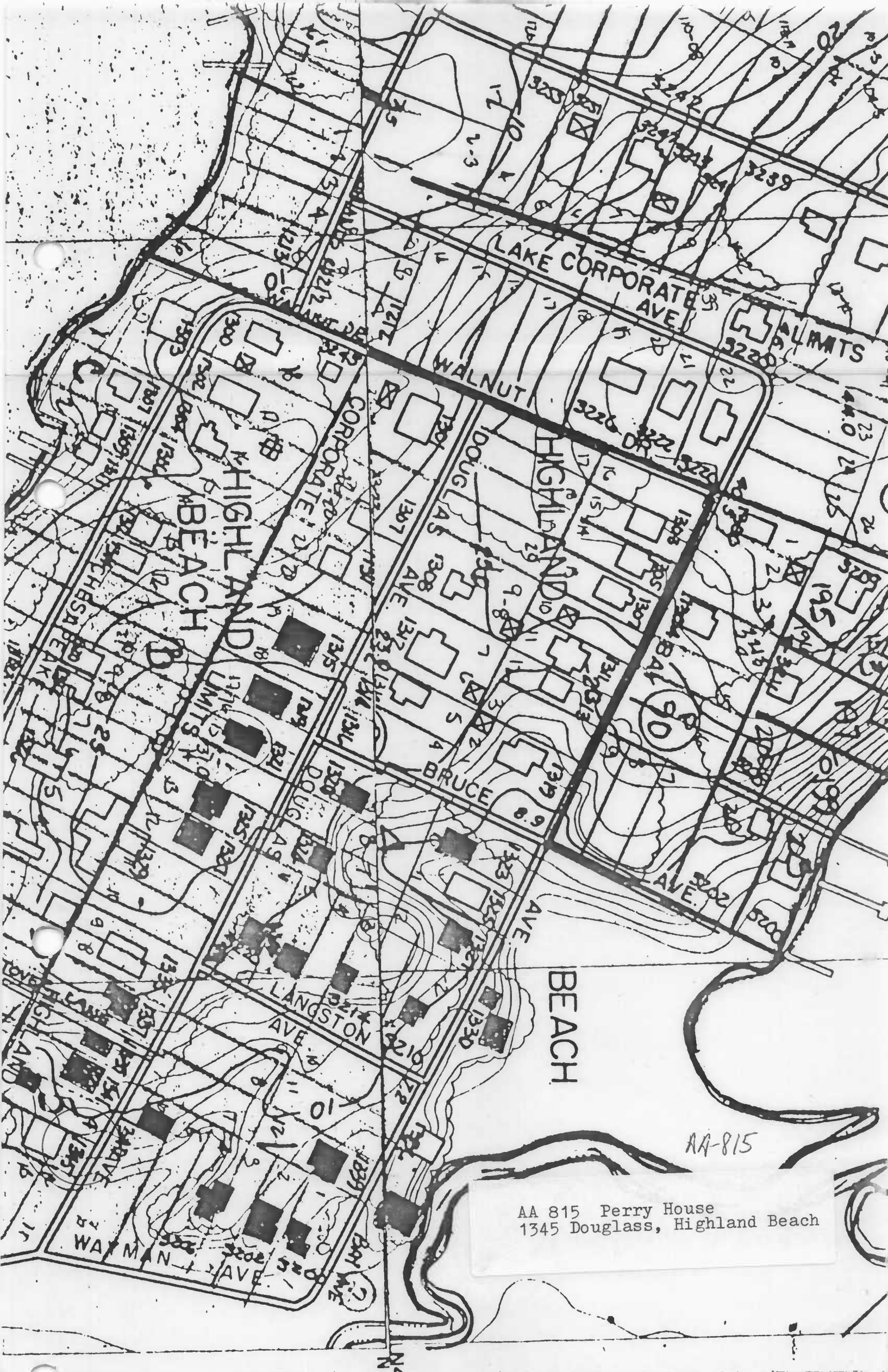
To

7/7/30 FSR68 475
\$700.

Richard F. Ware

To

Lesile S. Perry



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